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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

OKAMURA et al.

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For: HYDRODYNAMIC TYPE POROUS OIL-IMPREGNATED BEARING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

August 6, 2001

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 28-33 as follows:

28. (New) A method of producing a hydrodynamic porous oil-impregnated bearing comprising a porous bearing body being formed with a bearing surface on an inner peripheral surface thereof, said bearing surface having a plurality of inclined hydrodynamic pressure generating grooves, and oil retained in pores of said bearing body by impregnation of lubricating oil or lubricating grease, said method comprising the steps of:

inserting a forming pattern in an inner peripheral surface of a cylindrical porous blank, said porous blank being made of a sintered metal, said forming pattern having a forming portion for forming said hydrodynamic pressure generating grooves, said forming portion being composed of a plurality of convex portions each of which agrees with each of said hydrodynamic pressure generating grooves, and

applying a compacting pressure to said porous blank to press the inner peripheral

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